

Ser. No. 10/699,637
Group Art Unit 3745

Remarks

Claims 1-22, 24 and 25 are pending in this application. The applicant notes with appreciation that claims 5-22, 24 and 25 have been allowed. Claims 1-4 were rejected under various prior art references. In response to this rejection, Claims 1-4 are cancelled herewith, so that this application is now in condition for allowance.

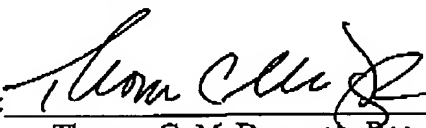
Minor amendment are made herein to independent claims 5, 9, 17 and 22. It has been understood that in this technology, the description of a rotatable cylinder block "mounted" on a running surface does not mean that the cylinder block is securely fixed to the running surface. In order to eliminate any ambiguity in these claims, however, applicant has amended them to change the term "mounted" to "located" with respect to the pump and motor block on the running surfaces. In addition, claim 22 was slightly amended to improve readability of the second clause. These changes do not affect the scope of the claims in any manner but are simply made to improve readability and clarity. These changes also do not affect the allowability of these claims in any manner either.

It is believed that Applicant has addressed all of the outstanding matters and it is requested that this application be granted a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible date. Please contact the undersigned attorney if there are any questions.

Any fees required by this Response may be charged to our firm's Deposit Account No.

502,261.

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